

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the Title with the following amended version:

CREATING AN HTML DOCUMENT FROM A SOURCE DOCUMENT SYSTEM
AND METHOD FOR THE CREATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ELECTRONIC
DOCUMENTS, COMPLETE WITH HIERARCHICAL AND LINEAR
NAVIGATIONAL ELEMENTS

Please replace the paragraph commencing on page 3 line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

The invention produces ~~online~~ electronic documents that are viewable online using in any standard browser and do not require any form of plug-in or enhancement to view properly. The online documents can also be hosted by any web server and do not require any non-standard web server-based technology. In addition, these documents are static electronic documents that are composed exclusively of static text and images. As used herein, the term static electronic document denotes a document that once created, can be viewed directly without any dynamic rendering or processing of its content. Accordingly, a static document does not require an active server process to display properly for users. These static documents are highly portable and can be hosted on servers, local hard drives, or read-only media such as CD-ROMs.

Please replace the paragraph commencing on page 7 line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

The source document is then converted (402) into a series of HTML files (403), with each file representing one source page of the document. In the case of a paper document each source page is simply a printed page and the conversion ,~~this is~~ accomplished by scanning the printed pages. In the case of an electronic document, the source pages correspond to the resulting printed pages had the electronic document been printed. With an electronic document, the HTML files are created by a software utility. The source page files representing the source document are then loaded into the invention's Content Loader/Editor component (405), which creates a page node for each file and automatically assigns sequential ordering, thus creating a linear navigation format for the entire document.